

SUBMISSION – LIVE CATTLE EXPORT TRADE

1. Cattle grown for the live cattle export trade are not suitable for our domestic market.
 - [a] if this type of animal is dumped on the domestic market it would depress the market for years.
 - [b] there could be a consumer backlash against red meat that would take years to correct.
2. Tropical Northern Australia is well suited to these cattle.
 - [a] Only small areas of Northern Australia are suited to any other form of agriculture.
 - [b] If the present land managers are forced off the land by the cessation of this trade and the land goes unmanaged it will quickly become an unmitigated environmental disaster with all manner of weeds running rampant. Most of us who live in rural Australia have had first hand experience of this happening when a property is sold and left vacant even for a short period.
3. As there is very little domestic refrigeration in Indonesia it is impractical to slaughter these animals in Australia, imagine all the extra “heavens forbid Carbon Pollution” that would be emitted if all the 250 Million Indonesians were forced to have refrigeration.
4. Nobody likes to see cruelty in any form – but what right to we have to dictate as to what another Culture, in another Country, may or may not do.
 - [a] This product has been sold and essentially is not our problem but if we refuse to sell this product how can we ever hope to have any input to stop this cruelty.
 - [b] It is only a very small number of abattoirs that allow this cruelty to take place.
5. The trade should continue. The Australian Government should provide support to the Indonesia to educate them as to how we want ALL animals handled to prevent cruelty, this should not be left to the Australian Beef Industry, as this has obviously not worked.

Thank you for reading my submission into the live cattle exports industry.

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